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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0993

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TAGS: EFIN, MT, NATO

SUBJECT: SPECIAL PAYMENTS: GERMAN CONTRIBUTION

REF: VALLETTA 0777

1. FRG AMBASSADOR STEINBACH TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR TO INFORM HIM THAT RATE OF EXCHANGE AT WHICH FRG ACQUIRED POUNDS FOR APRIL 1 INSTALLMENT VARIED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM JAN 1. ACCORDINGLY, FRG CONTRIBUTION TO FIRST SPECIAL PAYMENT WOULD AMOUNT TO 1,628,032 DM FOR FIRST HALF OF 1973 INSTEAD OF 927,500 AS CONVEYED TO GOM APRIL 19, WHICH ALSO REPRESENTED ONE- HALF OF ILLUSTRATIVE FIGURE PROVIDED GOM JANUARY 10.

2. STEINBACH ASKED WHETHER AMBASSADOR HAD ANY OBJECTION TO HIS PROVIDING THIS REVISED FIGURE TO GOM HIMSELF, OR DID US AMBASSADOR AS NATO SPOKESMAN ON THESE MATTERS PREFER TO HANDLE IT. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT AS A MATTER
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PAYMENTS, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR STEINBACH TO CONVEY MESSAGE HIMSELF. STEINBACH HAS NOW SENT A LETTER TO THIS EFFECT. THIS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF OVER 7 00,000 DM CONVERTED TO STERLING FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATION NOW BRINGS SPECIAL PAYMENTS TO FIGURE ABOVE ILLUSTRATIVE AMOUNT PROVIDED MALTESE IN JANUARY. WHILE IN ONE SENSE THIS SUBSTANTIATES MALTESE COMPLAINT ABOUT "UNBUSINESSLIKE METHOD" OF COMPENSATING FOR MONETARY FLUCTUATIONS, WE ASSUME THERE WILL BE NO DIFFICULTY ON THEIR PART IN ACCEPTING LARGER FIGURE.

3. STEINBACH ADDED ORALLY THAT EXCHANGE RATES IN QUESTION WERE 8.284 DM PER POUND ON JANUARY 8 AND 6.940 FOR MARCH 27. GETZ

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